

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 12th November 2017

Echo Ireland

The position of Editor of Echo Ireland remains unfilled. To ensure continued publication of the Society's journal a volunteer is urgently required. Please contact Gerry EI8CC or Séamus EI8BP.

Contributors and Clubs are reminded that the closing date for receipt of copy for the next edition of Echo Ireland is Friday 24th November. Copy should be sent to "newsteam /at/ irts /dot/ ie" with Echo Ireland in the subject line.

Amateur Station Licence Examination

The closing date is fast approaching for the next Amateur Station Licence Examination which will be held on Thursday 7th December in the ComReg Offices in Dublin. Quite a number of applications have already been received and as places are limited and are allocated on a first come first served basis, those intending to sit the examination would need to apply very soon. Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee online are available at www.irts.ie/exam. Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee so as to secure a place for the examination.

It is important to note that even if you pay the fee online you must still complete and forward the application form.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Thursday 16th November.

Four Exam Reports which were previously published in Echo Ireland are available on the Downloads section of the website at www.irts.ie/downloads under "Studying for the Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificate". These reports contain very useful information for anyone studying for the Licence Examination. Intending candidates are advised to pay particular attention to the syllabus for the examination especially Annexes 1 and 2.

Wild Atlantic Way

As we enter the last two months of the Wild Atlantic Way initiative to promote Amateur Radio, the number of requests to the WAW QSL manager has increased significantly - especially for Leitrim EI22WAW, Sligo EI33WAW, Mayo EI44WAW and Galway EI55WAW. Help from licenced individuals and clubs, operating in EI, to increase the number of QSOs will be very much appreciated - so please contact the co-ordinators for those call signs. For more information checkout the IRTS web site at www.irts.ie and from the activities menu on the top of the page, choose "Wild Atlantic Way", where you will find the list of co-ordinators under Wild Atlantic Way - Operators Wanted.

Wexford Wireless Club EI2WWC

On Wednesday 22nd of November Keith EI5KJ will give a talk and a small demonstration about working Amateur Radio Satellites titled "Satellites made simple!" at the club meeting at 20:30 sharp, all club members or anyone interested are asked to attend.

Wexford Wireless Club hold weekly meetings every Wednesday evening from 20:00 to 22:00 in Gorey Scout Group Hall just off Esmonde Street in Gorey, Co. Wexford, everyone is as always very welcome

For more information about the club please contact the club secretary Michael Fitzgerald EI9GGB at QTHR or by dropping an email to "Wexfordwirelessclub /at/ live /dot/ ie"

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The November meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Monday night the 27th of November at 8.00 p.m. sharp. As this will be the last meeting of the group for 2017 all members are asked to attend. At this meeting John EI3HQB will be doing a show and tell on his recently built homebrew telescopic tilt over tower. New members or anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio or the group are as always very welcome to attend.

For anyone that wishes to find out more about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and its activities you can come along to any of their meetings. You can check out their website www.searg.ie and you can also join them on Facebook and follow them on Twitter.

Cork Radio Club

Cork Radio Club will hold the first of their planned mentoring sessions for people studying for the radio amateur examination on Saturday December 2nd in Carrigtwohill Community Centre with an 11am start. One to one tutoring will be provided and it would be helpful if intending attendees would book their place in advance. Lunch will be available on site.

The club are planning a pre-Christmas dinner in early December and expressions of interest are being sought before a venue can be decided. This will be an opportunity for long suffering XYLs to have their annual reunion.

The next club meeting will be held on Wednesday December 13th at the usual venue in Carrigtwohill. Jim EI8GS will show some videos from his extensive collection covering both recent and historical events.

Contact details for any of the above events are via email to “info /at/ corkradioclub /dot/ ie” or by telephone to 087-6290574

EIDX

The EIDX Group (who brought you 9N7EI earlier this year) are delighted to announce their next DXpedition for 2018. A team of 14 operators will be QRV for 2 consecutive weekends from March 21st to April 3rd also taking in the WPX SSB contest.

The team have carefully selected an ideal location on the shores of lake Malawi and will be QRV as 7Q7EI on all bands from 160m through 10m, SSB, CW and RTTY. They are delighted to announce that their website is now up and running and can be visited at www.7q7ei.com, so please visit their site from time to time as they will try to keep it as up-to-date as possible.

DX News

A group of Argentinian DXers will activate San Andres Island in the Caribbean from 12th – 26th November. The callsign will be 5K0T. The IOTA reference for San Andres is NA-033 and the QSL Manager is LU1FM.

Many DXers will recognise the callsign of Bodo DF8DX (formerly DL3OCH) as the operator of 5N0OCH and 5N7Q in Nigeria during 2009 -2011. He will be back in Nigeria for a few days from 12th – 16th November. He plans to reactivate his 5N7Q callsign from the transmitting site of the Voice of Nigeria in Abuja so expect to hear a

loud signal. QSLs go via his home call.

The Italian DXpedition Team are scheduled to be QRV as J5T from Guinea Bissau from 13th – 25th November. The location will be Bubaque Island which counts as AF-020 for the Islands on the Air Award. Activity will be on all bands 160 – 10m CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via I2YSB OQRS.

Harald DF2WO will be in Rwanda for two weeks from around 15th November. He will use the callsign 9X2AW and be active on CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL Manager is M0OXO.

Georg DK7LX will be operating holiday-style as VP9/DK7LX from Bermuda until 21st November. He will be CW only on 40 - 15m. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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